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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

April 13, 2023

TO: Service List, dated March 17, 2023

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Executive Director *MB*

RE: **DOCKET NO. 516** – The United Illuminating Company (UI) application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Fairfield to Congress Railroad Transmission Line 115-kV Rebuild Project that consists of the relocation and rebuild of its existing 115- kilovolt (kV) electric transmission lines from the railroad catenary structures to new steel monopole structures and related modifications along approximately 7.3 miles of the Connecticut Department of Transportation's Metro-North Railroad corridor between Structure B648S located east of Sasco Creek in Fairfield and UI's Congress Street Substation in Bridgeport, and the rebuild of two existing 115-kV transmission lines along 0.23 mile of existing UI right-of-way to facilitate interconnection of the rebuilt 115-kV electric transmission lines at UI's existing Ash Creek, Resco, Pequonnock and Congress Street Substations traversing the municipalities of Bridgeport and Fairfield, Connecticut.

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Enclosed please find a copy of the Connecticut Siting Council's notice of public hearing for the above-referenced matter.

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Enclosure (1)

c: Secretary of the State  
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**LIST OF PARTIES AND INTERVENORS  
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| <b>Status Granted</b> | <b>Document Service</b>                    | <b>Status Holder<br/>(name, address &amp; phone number)</b> | <b>Representative<br/>(name, address &amp; phone number)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Applicant</b>      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-mail | The United Illuminating Company                             | Bruce McDermott, Esq.<br>Murtha Cullina LLP<br>One Century Tower<br>265 Church Street, 9 <sup>th</sup> floor<br>New Haven, CT 06510-1220<br>Phone: (203) 772-7787<br><a href="mailto:bmcdermott@murthalaw.com">bmcdermott@murthalaw.com</a> |
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HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to provisions of Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50m and Public Act No. 22-3, notice is hereby given that the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) will conduct a public hearing via Zoom remote conferencing on Tuesday, July 25, 2023, beginning with an evidentiary session at 2:00 p.m., and continuing with a public comment session at 6:30 p.m. The hearing will be on an application from The United Illuminating Company (UI) for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Fairfield to Congress Railroad Transmission Line 115-kV Rebuild Project that consists of the relocation and rebuild of its existing 115- kilovolt (kV) electric transmission lines from the railroad catenary structures to new steel monopole structures along approximately 7.3 miles of the Connecticut Department of Transportation's Metro-North Railroad corridor between Sasco Creek in Fairfield and UI's Congress Street Substation in Bridgeport, rebuild of two existing 115-kV transmission lines along 0.23 mile of existing UI right-of-way to facilitate interconnection of the rebuilt 115-kV electric transmission lines at UI's existing Ash Creek, Resco, Pequonnock and Congress Street Substations, and related modifications, traversing the municipalities of Bridgeport and Fairfield, Connecticut.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive evidence on the applicant's assertions that the public need for the relocated facility outweighs any adverse environmental effects from the construction, operation, and maintenance of the facility. The 2:00 p.m. evidentiary session will provide the applicant, parties and intervenors an opportunity to cross-examine positions. **No public comments will be received during the 2:00 p.m. evidentiary session.** The 6:30 p.m. public comment session is reserved for the public to make statements into the record. Public statements are limited to 3 minutes. During the 6:30 p.m. public comment session, the applicant will present an overview of the proposed facility relocation.

Attendees can join by clicking (or entering) the following link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82235921714?pwd=MjNkRFBjYm83ejNkYUFnak0k3eXVmZz09> a computer, smartphone, or tablet. **Meeting ID# 822 3592 1714 and Passcode: str3zk** No prior software download is required. For audio-only participation, attendees can join by dialing in at **1(929) 205-6099 (not toll free)** and then enter the **Meeting ID: 822 3592 1714 and Passcode: 438388** from a telephone.

**Interested persons may join any session to listen, but must sign-up in advance to speak during the 6:30 p.m. public comment session.**

To participate in the **6:30 p.m. public comment session by computer, smartphone or tablet**, please send an email to [siting.council@ct.gov](mailto:siting.council@ct.gov) with your name, email address and mailing address by **July 24, 2023**. To participate in the **6:30 p.m. public comment session by telephone**, please leave a voicemail message at 860-827-2935 with your name, telephone number, and mailing address by **July 24, 2023**. Public comments may also be submitted to the Council by electronic mail or by regular mail.

Any person may be removed from the Zoom remote evidentiary session or public comment session at the discretion of the Council.

Applicable law for this proceeding includes the Public Utility Environmental Standards Act, General Statutes § 16-50g, et seq., and Sections 16-50j-1, et seq., of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

The Council directs that all testimony and exhibits be pre-filed electronically with the Council and all parties and intervenors by July 18, 2023.

Individuals are encouraged to participate through their elected officials and other party/intervenor groupings.

Any person seeking to be named or admitted as a party or intervenor to the proceeding may file a written request to be so designated at [siting.council@ct.gov](mailto:siting.council@ct.gov), on or before July 18, 2023.

Parties and intervenors will be allowed to submit briefs and proposed findings of fact within 30 days after the close of the evidentiary record.

Any person who is not a party or intervenor to this proceeding may file a written statement with the Council up to 30 days after the close of the evidentiary record. No written statement or any other information will be accepted after 30 days of the close of the evidentiary record, except as otherwise prescribed by law or the Council.

A verbatim transcript of the hearing will be posted on the Council's project webpage and deposited in the City Clerk's Office of the Bridgeport City Hall and the Town Clerk's Office of the Fairfield Town Hall for the convenience of the public.

Requests for information in alternative formats or for sign-language interpreter services must be submitted in writing by July 18, 2023.

Information about how the public hearing will be conducted and how the public can access it will be posted on the Council's Docket No. 516 project webpage at the following link:

[https://portal.ct.gov/CSC/1\\_Applications-and-Other-Pending-Matters/Pending-Matters](https://portal.ct.gov/CSC/1_Applications-and-Other-Pending-Matters/Pending-Matters)

The applicant is represented by the following:

**Applicant**

The United Illuminating Company

**Its Representative**

Bruce McDermott, Esq.  
Murtha Cullina LLP  
One Century Tower  
265 Church Street  
New Haven, CT 06510-1220

A copy of the application is available for review on the Council's website at [portal.ct.gov/csc](http://portal.ct.gov/csc) under the link "Pending Matters." The Council has assigned this application Docket No. 516.

April 13, 2023

Connecticut Siting Council

**Instructions for Public Access Docket No. 516 Remote Public Hearing**  
**July 25, 2023**  
**Evidentiary Session at 2 PM**  
**Public Comment Session at 6:30 PM**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- Interested persons may join any session to listen, but **you must sign-up in advance to speak during the 6:30 p.m. public comment session**
- Any person may be removed from the Zoom remote evidentiary session or public comment session at the discretion of the Council.
- All participants are requested to mute sound notifications on their computer, smartphone or tablet. Telephones are often equipped with a “do not disturb” feature for the dial-in option.

**A. Evidentiary Session – 2 PM**

1. Attendees can join by clicking (or entering) the following link:  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82235921714?pwd=MjNxRFBjYm83ejNkYUFna0k3eXVmZz09>  
a computer, smartphone, or tablet. **Meeting ID# 822 3592 1714 and Passcode: str3zk** No prior software download is required.
2. For audio-only participation, attendees can join by dialing in at **1(929) 205-6099 (not toll free)** and then enter the **Meeting ID: 822 3592 1714 and Passcode: 438388** from a telephone.
3. All microphones will be muted upon entry into the meeting and will be turned on in the order of party appearances and cross examination governed by the Hearing Program.
4. **No public comments will be received during the 2:00 p.m. evidentiary session.**

**B. Public Comment Session – 6:30 PM**

1. Attendees can join by clicking (or entering) the following link <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82235921714?pwd=MjNxRFBjYm83ejNkYUFna0k3eXVmZz09> a computer, smartphone, or tablet. **Meeting ID# 822 3592 1714 and Passcode: str3zk** No prior software download is required.
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3. **You must sign-up in advance to speak during the 6:30 p.m. public comment session. Statements will be limited to 3 minutes.**
  - a. If you anticipate participating in the **6:30 p.m. public comment session by computer, smartphone or tablet**, please send an email to [siting.council@ct.gov](mailto:siting.council@ct.gov) with your name, email address and mailing address by **July 24, 2023**.
  - b. If you anticipate participating in the **6:30 p.m. public comment session by telephone**, please leave a voicemail message at 860-827-2935 with your name, telephone number, and mailing address by **July 24, 2023**.
4. If the email and name of the person or the phone number and name of the person is not provided in writing to the Council in advance, they will not be admitted into the meeting.
5. All microphones will be muted upon entry into the meeting and will be turned on in the order in which people are signed up to speak.

6. Public comments may also be submitted to the Council by email at [siting.council@ct.gov](mailto:siting.council@ct.gov) or by regular mail. Such written comments will be given the same weight as if spoken during the public comment session.



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TO: Commissioner Katie Dykes  
Dept. of Energy & Environmental Protection

Commissioner Manisha Juthani  
Department of Public Health

Chairman Marissa Paslick Gillett  
Public Utilities Regulatory Authority

Commissioner Alexandra Daum  
Department of Economic and  
Community Development

Robert Bruno, Director of Planning,  
Engineering & Environmental  
Connecticut Airport Authority

Todd Levine  
Historian/Environmental Reviewer  
State Historic Preservation Office

Commissioner Danté Bartolomeo  
Department of Labor

Commissioner Bryan Hurlburt  
Department of Agriculture

Paul Aresta, Executive Director  
Council on Environmental Quality

Jeffrey R. Beckham, Secretary  
Office of Policy and Management

Scott A. Hill, P.E., Bureau Chief  
Bureau of Engineering and Construction  
Department of Transportation

Kevin Dillon, Executive Director  
Connecticut Airport Authority

Commissioner James C. Rovella  
Department of Emergency Services  
and Public Protection

Commissioner Michelle Gilman  
Department of Administrative Services

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Executive Director *NAB*

RE: **DOCKET NO. 516** – The United Illuminating Company (UI) application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Fairfield to Congress Railroad Transmission Line 115-kV Rebuild Project that consists of the relocation and rebuild of its existing 115- kilovolt (kV) electric transmission lines from the railroad catenary structures to new steel monopole structures and related modifications along approximately 7.3 miles of the Connecticut Department of Transportation’s Metro-North Railroad corridor between Structure B648S located east of Sasco Creek in Fairfield and UI’s Congress Street Substation in Bridgeport, and the rebuild of two existing 115-kV transmission lines along 0.23 mile of existing UI right-of-way to facilitate interconnection of the rebuilt 115-kV electric transmission lines at UI’s existing Ash Creek, Resco, Pequonnock and Congress Street Substations traversing the municipalities of Bridgeport and Fairfield, Connecticut.

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Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50j(g), the Connecticut Siting Council hereby solicits written comments on the above-referenced application. A response by July 18, 2023 would be appreciated. Additional written comments may be submitted at any time while the application is pending until the evidentiary record closes.



You may access the application and other documents for this proceeding, including the application schedule, on our website at [portal.ct.gov/csc](http://portal.ct.gov/csc) under the link "Pending Matters."

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c: CSC State Agency Comment Recipient list (via electronic mail)



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The Honorable Joseph P. Ganim  
Mayor  
City of Bridgeport  
Margaret E. Morton Government Center  
999 Broad Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06604  
[mayor@bridgeportct.gov](mailto:mayor@bridgeportct.gov)

RE: **DOCKET NO. 516** – The United Illuminating Company (UI) application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Fairfield to Congress Railroad Transmission Line 115-kV Rebuild Project that consists of the relocation and rebuild of its existing 115- kilovolt (kV) electric transmission lines from the railroad catenary structures to new steel monopole structures and related modifications along approximately 7.3 miles of the Connecticut Department of Transportation’s Metro-North Railroad corridor between Structure B648S located east of Sasco Creek in Fairfield and UI’s Congress Street Substation in Bridgeport, and the rebuild of two existing 115-kV transmission lines along 0.23 mile of existing UI right-of-way to facilitate interconnection of the rebuilt 115-kV electric transmission lines at UI’s existing Ash Creek, Resco, Pequonnock and Congress Street Substations traversing the municipalities of Bridgeport and Fairfield, Connecticut.

Dear Mayor Ganim:

Pursuant to Public Act 22-3, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) has scheduled the public hearing in connection with the above-referenced matter as a **remote public hearing via Zoom Conferencing to be held on July 25, 2023**. Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50m, at least one public hearing session shall be held after 6:30 PM for the convenience of the general public.

The Council invites municipal participation at the public hearing. Municipal officials may request Party or Intervenor Status to actively participate in the evidentiary session, present oral statements to the Council during the public comment session or submit written statements to the Council at any time up to 30 days after the close of the evidentiary record.

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Sincerely,

Melanie A. Bachman  
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The Honorable Brenda L. Kupchick  
First Selectperson  
Town of Fairfield  
Town Hall  
725 Old Post Road  
Fairfield, CT 06824  
[firstselectmanffd@fairfieldct.org](mailto:firstselectmanffd@fairfieldct.org)

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Dear First Selectperson Kupchick:

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The Honorable Jennifer S. Tooker  
First Selectperson  
Town of Westport  
Town Hall  
110 Myrtle Avenue  
Westport, CT 06880  
[selectman@westportct.gov](mailto:selectman@westportct.gov)

RE: **DOCKET NO. 516** – The United Illuminating Company (UI) application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Fairfield to Congress Railroad Transmission Line 115-kV Rebuild Project that consists of the relocation and rebuild of its existing 115- kilovolt (kV) electric transmission lines from the railroad catenary structures to new steel monopole structures and related modifications along approximately 7.3 miles of the Connecticut Department of Transportation’s Metro-North Railroad corridor between Structure B648S located east of Sasco Creek in Fairfield and UI’s Congress Street Substation in Bridgeport, and the rebuild of two existing 115-kV transmission lines along 0.23 mile of existing UI right-of-way to facilitate interconnection of the rebuilt 115-kV electric transmission lines at UI’s existing Ash Creek, Resco, Pequonnock and Congress Street Substations traversing the municipalities of Bridgeport and Fairfield, Connecticut.

Dear First Selectperson Tooker:

Pursuant to Public Act 22-3, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) has scheduled the public hearing in connection with the above-referenced matter as a **remote public hearing via Zoom Conferencing to be held on July 25, 2023**. The Town of Westport is within 2,500 feet of the existing facility. Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50(b) requires applicants to provide notice and serve a copy of the application on municipalities within 2,500 feet of a proposed facility.

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TO: Classified/Legal Supervisor  
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The Connecticut Post  
410 State Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06604-4560  
[nhlegals@hearstmediact.com](mailto:nhlegals@hearstmediact.com)

FROM: Lisa A. Mathews, Office Assistant 

RE: **DOCKET NO. 516** – The United Illuminating Company (UI) application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Fairfield to Congress Railroad Transmission Line 115-kV Rebuild Project that consists of the relocation and rebuild of its existing 115- kilovolt (kV) electric transmission lines from the railroad catenary structures to new steel monopole structures and related modifications along approximately 7.3 miles of the Connecticut Department of Transportation's Metro-North Railroad corridor between Structure B648S located east of Sasco Creek in Fairfield and UI's Congress Street Substation in Bridgeport, and the rebuild of two existing 115-kV transmission lines along 0.23 mile of existing UI right-of-way to facilitate interconnection of the rebuilt 115-kV electric transmission lines at UI's existing Ash Creek, Resco, Pequonnock and Congress Street Substations traversing the municipalities of Bridgeport and Fairfield, Connecticut.

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Please publish the attached legal notice for one day on the first day possible from receipt of this notice.

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50m(c), the general notice to be public shall be published in its entirety in not less than **TEN POINT BOLDFACE TYPE**. If you have any questions concerning the ten point type, please contact me. If your newspaper does not have ten point type, please so state and also state the size type actually used in the legal notice in your affidavit.

Please respond to [siting.council@ct.gov](mailto:siting.council@ct.gov) with the quote at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

Please send affidavit of publication and invoice to: Connecticut Siting Council  
10 Franklin Square  
New Britain, CT 06051

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